GRANTS.GOV BUILD 2006-02
AGENCY-APPLICANT SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS

On April 9, 2006, Grants.gov was pleased to announce that important new functionality was delivered to the website, which will greatly benefit both the grant community and the Federal grant-making agencies. This upgrade and the specific enhancements that it includes are summarized below.

Agency-Applicant System Enhancements Add Speed, Reduce Confusion

First, agencies using Grants.gov will now have the ability to create, modify and save synopses for a future posting date within the system. By posting a future date, the synopses will not appear on any of the search functions while they are being worked on and reviewed by agency staff members. The primary benefit that will be realized by all users should be a significant reduction in the number of modifications required after a posting is made and the allowance for managers to review work products.

Second, multiple agencies or sub-agencies can now use the same Funding Opportunity Number. This will simplify and clarify processing and eliminate uncertainty that could result from multiple numbers relating to a single funding opportunity.

Additionally, a number of "behind-the-scenes" technical enhancements have been completed to enable agencies to experience quicker processing of applications. The focus for this entire package of enhancements is increased speed, reliability and ease of use for all agency and grant community users of the website.